

Event: Historic Resources and Museum Advisory Board (HRMAB) Meeting

Details: Wednesday, June 27th, 2018 6:00PM; Mordecai Visitor Center

Attendance:

HRM Board: Sam Mordecai, Alicia McGill, Barbara Freedman, Esther Hall, Clare Bass, Ed Morris, Fred Belledin, Jannette Coleridge-Taylor, Joe Mobley, Steve Rabin, Holmes Harden

Staff: Troy Burton, Ainsley Powell, Kathryn Neuhart, Joshua Ingersoll, Ernest Dollar

Scott Payne

Community Members: None

Excused Absent:

HRM Advisory Board: Tom Ward

Call to Order, Welcome and Public Comment, Ed Morris:

Mr. Morris called the meeting to order at 6:05pm and opened the floor for public comment.

1. Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Morris asked the Board to review the draft minutes from Wednesday May 23rd, 2018.

A typo in New Business should be corrected to read as "officer slate."

Mr. Rabin motioned to approve the minutes. Ms. Bass seconded, and the minutes were approved with corrections.

2. HRM Program Report:

Historic Sites, Joshua Ingersoll:

Mr. Ingersoll announced that summer camp is in motion and that each session is booked with 20 registrants per week.

Staff is planning for Fall events.

Assistant Site Director, Celeste Sherer, will be relocating to Chicago in July.

Ms. Freedman noted an uptick in tours and visitors at Mordecai. Mr. Ingersoll responded that the increase is normal for the time of year.

Ms. Hall asked about scholarships for summer camps for families. Mr. Ingersoll explained a few of the programs the City offers.

Museums, Ernest Dollar:

Mr. Dollar said it was another record breaking month for COR Museum in May. For FY18, COR should be hitting about 40,000 people.

Mr. Dollar conducted a bike tour for May.

Several exhibits are in the works, including exhibits on the Raleigh Underground and Dorothea Dix.

The Underground exhibit opening event already has more than 30 reservations in its first day.

The Friends of the COR Museum want to start a Capital Campaign for City Lab.

Pope House hosted a storytelling event in May. This will occur again in October.

Ms. Coleridge-Taylor asked how the building construction next to the Pope House is affecting visitation. Mr. Dollar explained there was one weekend that construction prevented the house from opening.

Historic Attractions, Troy Burton:

Mr. Burton mentioned and encouraged the Board to attend the U.S. Army Jazz Band concert that is playing this evening at Pullen.

A ticket price increase will take effect Monday, July 2nd from \$1 to \$1.50.

The cash option for ticket sales will be rethought in the future to either be token based or a swipe card. January 1st is the potential deadline for this complete shift to take place. Chavis will remain on the cash system for now.

Holiday Express tickets go on sale July 31st at 5:30am. Eventbrite will be the system to handle ticket sales again, just as last year.

Moore Square, Troy Burton

Interior work is underway at the Norwood House including fixtures and furniture.

A part-time Program Assistant position will be hired soon.

Staff is continuing to plan for the 2019 year. The Grand Opening will align with Artsplosure in May, with a potential soft opening prior.

Negotiations are being finalized with Empire Eats as the food vendor.

3. Old Business:

HRM Strategic Plan Update, Troy Burton

PRCR leadership will review and comment on the HRM Plan in July. Following their comments, HR&A will present the revised HRM Plan to the HRMAB in August.

4. New Business:

Officers Vote, Barbara Freedman

Mr. Freedman motioned to nominate Fred Belledin as Chair and Clare Bass as Vice Chair. All voted in favor.

The changes will take place at the July meeting.

5. Committee Reports

- **a. Collections Committee, Clare Bass:** Ms. Bass said 10 collections were voted on at the Monday, June 18th meeting at Mordecai Historic Park. All were accepted. The next meeting will be September 17th, location is TBD. Ms. Bass also mentioned notable items from Cabarrus Street.
- **b. Community Engagement Committee, Jannette Coleridge-Taylor:** Discussed the Volunteer Banquet. The two memorial bench recipient families have reached out in appreciation.

The Oakwood Garden Club is going to be involved in a fundraising effort for exterior bathroom behind Tucker House.

Talked about the feasibility of doing a Designer's Showcase at Tucker House.

Mr. Ingersoll added that there will be a push for the Mordecai Square Associates fall letter revamp in the fall.

c. Nominating Committee, Barbara Freedman:

Ms. Freedman has contacted individuals who have shown interest in joining the HRMAB. Names will be sent to the City Clerk in the near future.

d. Program/Exhibits Committee, Fred Belledin:

Brainstorming for the Latta event in the Fall. Ms. McGill added that there was meeting with committee members, and the plan for the next meeting is to develop a timeline for the event. Historic Stagville has agreed to do a living history program during the event.

e. Executive Committee, Ed Morris: The committee reviewed May minutes and the June agenda.

Mr. Burton mentioned that next month is the Annual Meeting for the Board. It usually involves an orientation, a meal, and a program. Also, if there was anything the Board would like the Staff to recap or mention to the body for the previous FY.

Ms. Freedman asked if there was a 5-year plan for overall building PRCR projects, Pullen campus, and Greenway? Where are we going?

6. Friends of the COR Museum, Barbara Freedman:

The Friends Board did a better job planning Time Warp this year.

The Board turns over on July 1st. Tom Simon will become President.

The Annual Meeting and Retreat are both in July.

Mr. Burton suggested that Dan send out a courtesy invite to the HRMAB for the opening of the Underground Event.

7. PRGAB Report, Jennifer Wagner:

The PRGAB meeting notes from June 21st:

The public will be taking comment on drones in parks.

Workplan items for next year. Devereaux Meadows (Peace and West St) should it be a Master Plan or a Concept

Annual PRGAB Board Retreat will be on August 3rd.

9. Upcoming Events	Date	Time	<u>Location</u>
Historic Fayetteville Street Walking Tour	7/7; 7/14; 7/21; 7/28	2pm	COR Museum
Yoga in the Museum	7/7	11:30am	COR Museum
The Underground: Photographs of Raleigh's Music Scene 1976-1985	7/14		COR Museum
Sacred Harp Shape Note Singing	7/22	1:50pm-3:50pm	Mordecai
Summer Concert Series:	7/10; 7/24 7/1; 7/15; 7/29	7pm 6pm	Pullen Park Fletcher Park
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10. Committee Meeting Reminders	Date Ti	ime	<u>Location</u>
Collections Committee	Mon. 9/17	3:00pm	TBD
Community Engagement	Tues.7/10	5:00pm	Tucker House
Nominating Committee	TBD		TBD
Program and Exhibit Committee	Mon. 7/9	6:00pm	Mordecai Visitor Center
Executive Committee	Fri. 7/20	8:30am	Tucker House
Monthly HRMAB Meeting	Wed. 7/25	6:00pm	Mordecai Visitors
Center		•	

^{*} All meetings of HRMAB Committees are open to the public.

11. Adjournment, Mr. Morris:

- Mr. Morris asked if there were any questions or comments before closing.
- Mr. Morris adjourned the meeting at 7:15pm.